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At Home From The **PRESIDENT** by Tonya R. Taylor

Greetings,

IF you have spotted your neighbors walking around with 2-way radios and searchlights they are part of a neighborhood watch team. I am happy to report the neighborhood watch program is a huge success! However we still need your help. We have three active teams but would love to have more. If you are interested in assisting call Howard Property Management or send Vice President Carl an email.

As you will see in the story noted below Carter's Cove once again has a RAT problem. We need to work together to get rid of them. We still have residents who are putting their trash out too far in advance, for example on Wednesdays. Your trash should not be taken out until 6pm or later on Tuesday and Thursday evenings. Stand-alone bags of trash should not be placed out- they must be in a container with a lid.

I would also like to remind you we will have home inspections this month. If your home is cited with a violation, you will be given adequate time to complete the changes. If corrections are not completed in a timely manner there will be fines assessed accordingly. Please consult your Architectural guidelines (located on the website), the covenants or for further

clarification contact Paul at Howard Property Management.



The Need To Mow

THE Board is fully aware that the weather is unpredictable, the ground is sometimes soggy and the grass grows rapidly. However, everyone still needs to make an effort to keep his or her front and back yards regularly mowed.

The *curbside* appeal of your home is important. Attractive landscaping, well kept grounds, and well maintained exteriors all have a major impact on the buyers who ultimately determine what Carter's Cove properties are worth. Home sales prices in the community are on the rise.



IT IS YARD SALE TIME AGAIN!

CARTER'S Cove and Guilford Square will once again host a joint community yard sale on **Saturday, September 18th** from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m.

Take the time now to gather items to sell. Search inside the attic, under the steps, deep in the closets, in the depths of your shed, throughout the basement, and inside those moving boxes still taped up, and not opened in more than a year!

Carter's Cove and Guilford Square will jointly advertise the yard sale in the Patuxent Publishing's classified section to be included in 8 papers published in the area the week of the sale.

Set up your table along Oakland Mills Road on the common area property. Please clean up after you are done.

Any items not successfully sold can be disposed of in the dumpster the next weekend!

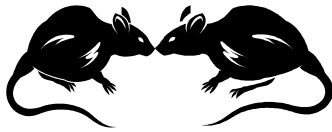
THE DUMPSTERS ARE COMING



THE Board has arranged for Howard County to deliver two dumpsters to the community on the weekend of September 25th and 26th.

One dumpster will be placed on Hidden Cove and the other on Pirates Cove. If one is full, please try the other one in the community. In the spring, the Hidden Cove dumpster was under utilized while the one on Pirates Cove was overflowing.

▶▶ Rodent Alert ◀◀



RODENTS have been observed in yards and gardens in the community.

Proximity to the industrial site may be the source of the problem. However, lax homeowner maintenance practices are probably the main cause of the rodent problem in Carter's Cove.

Rats live in close association with people. They burrow to make nests under buildings, beneath concrete slabs, along stream banks, in garbage dumps and in any location where suitable food, water and shelter are present.

To minimize the presence of rats in our neighborhood, we ask everyone to become part of our "rat patrol". That means that everyone needs to remove sources of food, water and shelter from these animals. Once they find a source they tend to remain in the area. The food comes primarily from bird feeders, unsecured trash and animal waste (dog and cat feces).

Each household needs to take immediate action to remove food sources. Remove bird feeders, use trashcans with tight fitting lids, and regularly clean up after your pet (even in your own back yard). In addition, do not leave your pets' food and water dishes outside. Avoid feeding them outside, as food pushes over the edge of a dish could become lunch for the rodents.

The rodents may have come to Carter's Cove, but we don't have to invite them to stay!

Take Note of
Helpful

Telephone Numbers

Howard County Police Department:

- Emergency 911
- Non-emergency 410-313-2200
- Southern District Duty Officer 410-313-3700
- Drug Tip Line 410-290-DRUG

Other Numbers:

- Animal Control 410-313-2780
- License & Permits 410-313-2455
- Trash & Recycle 410-313-6444
- Water & Sewer 410-313-4900

Absentee Owners Take Note

AS long as you own property in Carter's Cove HOA, you are responsible for the condition of your home and the behavior of your tenants. Keeping Carter's Cove a safe, well maintained community would preserve everyone's investment.

Landlords must select tenants who are good credit risks and who will coexist peacefully with neighbors.

Landlords are required to register with Howard County for a license to rent their unit. The contact number is 410-313-2455. There are applications to complete and an inspection of the unit to be completed before a license is issued.

Be sure your tenants are aware of lawn maintenance requirements (mowing, etc.), trash and recycle collection days, reserved parking space usage and Architectural Guidelines.

Contact the Property Manager

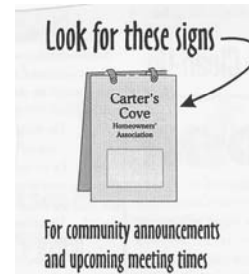
DO you have a concern about the community?



Please contact the Property Manager at the office, by phone or email. Every effort will be made to address your concern or forward it to the Board for consideration.

Please note that any owner that registers a complaint or concern is assured of anonymity.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:



THE next Board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15th at the East Columbia Branch Library at 7:00 p.m. The library is located on Cradlerock Way in Owen Brown.

Residents are welcome to attend.

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